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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

- 1. YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SENATOR CHURCH ASKING AMBASSADOR HELMS TO RETURN TO THE STATES TO TESTIFY BEFORE HIS COMMITTEE DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 9. I PERSONALLY THINK IT IS UNFAIR TO DICK TO ASK HIM TO COME BACK SO SOON AFTER HAVING BEEN HERE TO MEET WITH THE ROCKEFELLER COMMISSION, BUT SEE NO WAY TO DENY THE REQUEST. BEFORE GOING TO DICK, HOWEVER, I WANTED YOU TO KNOW OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE LETTER AND GET YOUR SPECIFIC APPROVAL FOR RECALLING HIM.
- 2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. SECRETARY: IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMITTEE'S INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSASSINATIONS MATTER, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO TAKE TESTIMONY FROM AMBASSADOR HELMS.

WE ARE ATTEMPTING SPEEDILY TO DISPOSE OF THIS MATTER AND, ACCORDINGLY, NEED TO TAKE HIS TESTIMONY DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 9. OUR STRONG PREFERENCE WOULD BE TO HAVE HIM AVAILSECRET

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ABLE FOR THE LAST TWO DAYS OF THAT WEEK (JUNE 12 AND

JUNE 13) BUT, IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, WE COULD EXAMINE HIM ON ANY OTHER TWO DAYS OF THAT WEEK.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING FOR MR. HELMS' RETURN ON THE ABOVE DATES. SINCERELY, FRANK CHURCH, CHAIRMAN END TEXT INGERSOLL

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